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Actions of the last age are like calendars of the last year.—Denham.

MRS. WOODROW WILSON

The death of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson brings to every home in these United States a feeling of personal sorrow. In her short term as mistress of the White House, the wife of the president had endeared herself to the nation. Her breadth of sympathy and of interest, her deeply womanly character, her simple and unaffected quality of mind were widely known and understood. Like Mrs. Grover Cleveland and other women of the White House, Mrs. Wilson had the fine quality of appealing to the highest, truest instincts of her American people. Hundreds of thousands of men and women who never saw nor expected to see the "first lady of the land"—and incidentally she never liked this well-known title—felt a personal acquaintance with Mrs. Wilson, for every paragraph that was printed about her was kindly and appreciative and brought news of some action or trait American citizens love.

Of southern birth, Mrs. Wilson reflected in her conduct and her character the ideals of the hospitable, chivalric South. She had the southern woman's instinct for home-making. She had also the innate ability for social leadership but cared little for so-called "fashionable" society. Though not a particularly active supporter of woman's suffrage, she and her daughters were in accord with the movement to give women the right of voting. It is not too much to say that President Wilson's rise from comparative obscurity as a poor college professor to the highest office within the gift of the American people is very largely due to the constancy of aim and purity of ideal of his wife.

The president has always been deeply devoted to Mrs. Wilson. It is a touching picture—that of the president, his country facing not only tremendous internal problems but the greatest world-crisis of generations, transacting business of state from the bedside of his dying wife. In the president's poignant sorrow he has the unspoken but none the less sincere sympathy of the millions of American people who grieve at the death of this brave and splendid American woman.

IF GERE WERE A CANDIDATE

If a man like Giles H. Gere could be secured as a candidate for supervisor, the voters would rally to his support and elect him with a majority that would probably put him up with the head of the ticket. To his experience as a very successful city and county engineer is added deep and continuous interest in city affairs since he left office. His grasp of municipal matters is far wider than that of the engineering problems involved. He is well-known, absolutely trusted, his judgment deferred to and his energy persistent and of the result-getting kind.

Cannot Giles H. Gere be gotten into the arena as a candidate for supervisor? His election and conduct of the office would be real service to Honolulu.

KANSAS AND PROGRESSIVISM

The war news is overshadowing everything else in the dispatches these days and perhaps few people in Hawaii noticed day before yesterday that Joseph L. Bristow of Kansas has probably been defeated in his fight for renomination for the senate on the Republican ticket. Yet this news is of much interest to Hawaii.

Senator Bristow is a progressive Republican—Samuel C. Blythe, the well-known political writer, describes him as a Republican with trimmings. He is regarded as a good friend of Hawaii because of his stand in favor of protection on sugar. He favored a reduction but not the abolition of the duty. Bristow is the man who knocked out the Dutch standard. Some of his speeches in the senate last year were masterly—constructive and authoritative.

Senator Bristow's opponent for the Republican nomination is Charles Curtis—a "regular," a standpatter, an opponent of the Kansas progressives, whether of the Bristow type or the Murdock Bull Moose type. Curtis was retired from the senate in 1913, defeated for the nomination in 1912 by former Governor Stubbs.

If Curtis has beaten Bristow for the nomination, as the news dispatches indicate, it looks as if Kansas would rather support a regular Republican—a high-protection Republican—than a Republican of the Progressive type.

Victor Murdock, now a representative, had no opposition for the Progressive nomination for the senate, so far as is known. There was a many-sided contest in Democratic ranks, the result of which has not yet been heard.

Now the interest centers on the final election. If Curtis should defeat the Progressives there, it would be a tremendous blow to the Bull Moose cause. For Kansas has been a Bull Moose stronghold. Murdock is so popular

that at this distance it is rather hard to see how Curtis could defeat him.

RUSSIA'S NAVY

Russia's navy is likely to be heard from before many days are over—that is, provided there is anything afloat for it to get into action against.

The Paris Temps, discussing the European military situation, gives this interesting bit of information:

"For ten years Russia has been making a great effort in naval construction. She has come to the conclusion that if she wishes to have a voice in international questions the possession of a strong navy is absolutely necessary. To the four dreadnoughts launched in 1914, four other vessels, of a still more powerful type, four cruisers, and eight ocean-going torpedo-boats, with twelve submarines, are to be added."

The Russian and British naval authorities have been working in close harmony for some time. The Literary Digest notes that "a powerful English squadron has been visiting Russia, and after anchoring at Revel and subsequently at the great sea fortress of Cronstadt, has been entertained and honored by fetes of all kinds at the capital and flattered by complimentary speeches. These incidents, says the Paris Figaro, are highly significant. It is not meaningless, we are told, when we see the officers of the British navy entertained by the czar personally at Tsarskoe Selo. England and Russia are already rather loosely joined with France in the Triple Entente, but the reports of the press lead us to think that Russia is anxious to fortify her dual alliance with France by a like tie with Great Britain, with a view to expansion in Western Europe."

This, be it noted, was immediately before the outbreak of hostilities in Europe.

As an instance of the thoroughness with which the Star-Bulletin's Associated Press service covers the European war news, it may be stated that reports of all war happenings sent out to the United States from Europe from 1 o'clock in the afternoon up to 2:30 the next morning appear in this paper, and in the case of early morning news, it appears, owing to the difference in time, long before the corresponding hour in Europe. Readers of the Star-Bulletin have readily recognized during the past few days that they are getting the first reports and the fullest reports of European happenings in this paper.

The territorial accounting system may be all right, but systems used by the counties are not by any means free from loopholes. The recent hearing of the Hawaii investigating commission in Honolulu showed that the accounting system of the city and county of Honolulu largely depends for its efficiency on the honesty and ability of the city clerk, treasurer and auditor. No accounting system is graft-proof, but to deny that improvements can be made in Hawaii is to put oneself down as either blind or prejudiced.

Senator Rice says gently but firmly that Stephen Desha lies when he charges Rice with offering to keep Jack Desha in his Washington job if his father would support Rice for election as delegate. This rather puts it up to the Rev. Mr. Desha. If he cares anything for the reputation of the cloth he should produce the details of the alleged attempt at bribery, upheld by more proof than his mere assertion. Unless he does so speedily, his charge against Rice will come back as a boomerang against Kuhio's cause.

Fair play for all Republican candidates on the lines emphasized by the Rice campaign committee would prevent some of the utterances that Rice speakers are making—not all the Rice men, by any means, but a few of them. The same holds true of the Kuhio speakers, but for Rice adherents to say that "the other fellow is doing it" is no valid excuse. The Rice speakers will be well advised if they stick to the real objections against Kuhio—there are enough of them.

Germany is fighting against tremendous odds. If the military censorship in Germany and Russia were relaxed long enough to allow some of the details of land engagements to come through the wires, it is probable that there would be some important advances by German troops to chronicle.

In the present state of European finances, Huerta is wise in taking his six millions in cash.

The politicians have to take a back seat for the soldiers these days.

What d'you mean three millions more for Hawaii's sugar crop?

Mexico looks peaceful by comparison.

Sugar prices are aviating.

JUDGE DOLE FELICITATES BERGER ON OBSERVANCE OF ANNIVERSARY

The following address was delivered by Hon. Sanford B. Dole at the exercises in the Palace grounds Sunday afternoon in observance of the 70th anniversary of the birth of Kaipuleiamei Henri Berger, and the 42d anniversary of the day when he assumed the leadership of the Hawaiian Band:

"Music is called the universal language, and this is because it appeals to the feelings of mankind; it reaches the soul—not in words, which are inadequate to convey its meaning, but through those deep impressions which arouse the emotions to action or calm the storms of the spirit.

"As the official minister of music, Captain Berger has for more than a generation served the Hawaiian public. He has been its teacher of melody; and while conceding something to the popular appetite for bizarre and popular airs, has constantly, so far as permitted the demands of public taste, given his audiences from time to time the masterpieces of classical composition. He thus has trained and elevated the public in its estimation and appreciation of music.

"With the pressing duties of arranging musical scores, in drilling the band and in conducting concerts and other numerous functions for which the Hawaiian Band is constantly called upon, Captain Berger has still found time for the composition of original musical pieces, which have added valuable material to the repertoire of the Hawaiian Band. Early in his Hawaiian service he gave to Hawaii that superb composition, which became our national air to the end of our independence—Hawaii Pono!—and which was played as such for the last time on that sad day when the flag of Hawaii fluttered to the ground, never to be raised again as the emblem of national sovereignty.

"A sketch of his public service cannot avoid being the history of the Hawaiian Band. Coming here as an officer of the German army—loaned to the Hawaiian government by the German government, Mr. Berger took the Hawaiian Band and through his skill and diligence and magnetism gradually brought it into that state of discipline and training which has made it the useful institution it has been for many years. Since his assumption of this responsibility he has played out three reigns of the Hawaiian monarchy, the provisional government, and the Republic of Hawaii, and has played in the authority of the United States. Some of the political changes which were a part of our recent history have severely shaken the Hawaiian Band, but it has never overthrown or ceased its pacifying and inspiring influences. Through revolutions and uprisings, in times of foreign menace and in local political crises, Berger has calmly dealt out the pacifying harmonies of his cult—and around the bandstand the waves of civil agitation have spent their force; there was peace and harmony. Who shall measure the influence of the Hawaiian Band in calming the stormy passions of those years, and in making way for the favorable settlement of the difficult problems of the time?

"Under the monarchy the band was a luxury mainly of royalty. It gave from the first a concert at Emma Square every Monday evening, which has been continued to the present time. In later years a moonlight concert was given at Thomas Square, and sometimes at other places. Otherwise its performances were mainly for royal functions—dinners, receptions, balls, legislative openings and prorogations, military parades, coronations and funerals. Sometimes its services were given by way of compliment for private festivities, weddings and funerals, and to such public affairs as horse racing meets and the celebration by foreign residents of their national holidays. But now it is the consoler and the inspirer of democracy—its elixir of life. One wonders at the demands upon it which are met by its indefatigable leader of three score years and ten with the vigor of youth and a smile of glad service, and by his following in the spirit of their leader. There is hardly an occasion where people gather but its influence is wanted. It heightens gladness; it assuages grief; it stimulates patriotism; it aids the soul in religious aspiration. Now, under the kindly administration of the mayor of Honolulu its services are so freely granted right and left, and so freely and carefully performed that the problem of endurance is suggested.

"Mr. Berger in his study of musical resources of the place has been able to develop the Hawaiian Band in lines both novel and effective. Finding the members to be promising pupils in vocal instruction he organized them into a singing class and added female voices, and for years he has been able to vary his musical performances with vocal effect; such renderings in the open air having become a recognized and much prized feature of the band performances.

"Captain Berger, after spending some time in Hawaii, became attached to the country and made it his permanent home, and here has raised his family. When the band became a part of the military establishment of the Republic of Hawaii he received a commission as captain.

"In all delicacy of feeling I refer here to Mr. Berger's successive bereavements, whereby through violent accidents he lost one after another his three promising sons—the happy outlook for his old age, which, permit me to say, is yet a long way off—I refer to these experiences of his not only for the opportunity of assuring him that he had on such sad occasions the sincerest sympathy of all who knew him, or knew about him, but also to let him know in some faint measure how he has won the respectful homage of all these, by the strength he has shown in such paralyzing calamities, in continuing as usual his public services and hiding away the burden of his grief in the sacred domain of his private life.

"Captain Berger and I have been comrades in the public service of Hawaii for many years, and it is a pleasure for me to remember our long friendship and his unvarying loyalty. We are of the same age, and often it has been our mutual satisfaction to compare notes of the passing milestones.

"Members of the Hawaiian Band, some of whom have summered and wintered with your leader through all of his Hawaiian career, take good care of Captain Berger, as he is always taking good care of you. You will never have another Berger, nor another leader more devoted to you and to Hawaii and to music than he.

"Captain Berger, representing your friends and acquaintances and countless others who know about you and have grateful memories of your public work, and on my own behalf, permit me to wish you many happy returns of your birthday, and may you long continue to serve the Honolulu public in the ministry of music."

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"We succeeded by these makeshifts in getting the work begun, and we have already got valuable results; the same kind of results, in fact, indicative of the sun's variability, which I expected to obtain."

The \$2000 being appropriated this year will enable Mr. Abbott to install his own apparatus on Mt. Wilson and continue his observations under favorable conditions. He says that for one day of observations, three to five days of computation are required.

PAUL SUPER: Now that the excitement is over, the question is, what is the National Guard going to do this fall?

H. P. WOOD: Pineapple Day is a week from tomorrow. King Pine, of the Hawaiian type, will reign supreme on the mainland that day.

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for the Advancement of Science to go to Australia this summer, at the expense of the Australian government, to advise in the establishment of a solar observatory in that country."

Mr. Abbott has been asking Congress for \$2000 with which to pay for the equipping of a tower telescope on Mt. Wilson. Year after year Congress failed to give him the money, but Mr. Abbott went to work, and with his own hands and those of his assistants, rigged up a temporary apparatus, with which he obtained important results.

This work on his part was supplemented by important loans from the Mt. Wilson observatory of the Carnegie Institute, whose director, seeing the things Mr. Abbott was trying to do and how meagerly equipped he was for the task, gave him the temporary use of hundreds of dollars' worth of apparatus and in addition the services of several experts.

This year Congress has resolved to appropriate the \$2000 which Mr. Abbott wants and the amount is in the pending sundry civil appropriation bill, much to his relief.

Mr. Abbott tells an interesting story of his personal labors to keep the work going on at Mt. Wilson, notwithstanding the failure of Congress to provide him with money.

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